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Dallas W. Meyer

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For:

METHOD OF CALIBRATING MAGNETIC STORAGE
MEDIUM BI-DIRECTIONAL RECORDING HEAD

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Art Unit
2186

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

____ Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.

____ Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.

____ Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 listing 34 references submitted for consideration.
- ☒ Copies of the 2 "other document" required references listed on the Form PTO-1449.
- ☐ English translations as indicated on the Form PTO-1449 of the references which are not in the English language.
- ☐ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and
 - ☐ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

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 - ☐ Promptness Certification; or
 - ☐ Credit Card Form PTO 2038 in the amount of \$180.00 constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
- III. ☐ After the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:
 - ☐ Promptness Certificate;
 - ☐ Petition for Consideration; and

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IV. ____ After payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of or any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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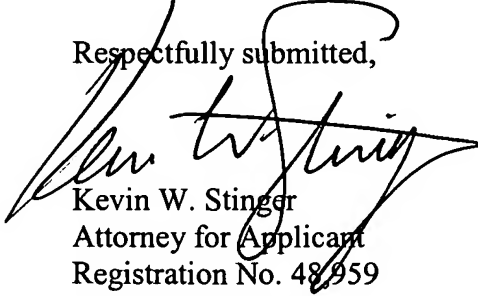
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that the following documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 5 day of October, 2004:

- Transmittal for Information Disclosure Statement (3 pgs.) (in duplicate)
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Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

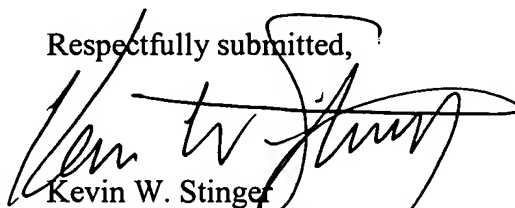
Applicant also hereby notifies the Examiner of the existence of the related pending U.S. patent applications as noted on the accompanying PTO-1449 Forms. This notice is not an admission that the claims of the present application and the claims of the related pending patent applications are substantially similar or that the related applications represent prior art with respect to the present application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the required references or relevant portion thereof, where required is also enclosed.

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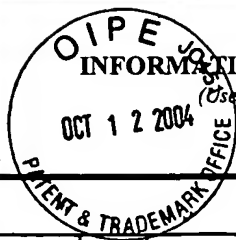


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	1	5,060,210	10/1991	Fennema, et al.	369	32	
	2	5,521,778	5/1996	Boutaghou, et al.	360	106	
	3	6,078,468	6/2000	Fiske	360	104	
	4	6,101,058	8/2000	Morris	360	69	
	5	6,262,868	7/2001	Arya, et al.	360	290	
	8	6,414,827	7/2002	Young, et al.	360	678.09	
	7	6,421,211	7/2002	Hawwa, et al.	360	294.4	
	8	6,452,755	9/2002	Bonin	360	294.6	
	9	6,469,859	10/2002	Chainer, et al.	360	75	
	10	6,490,118	12/2002	Ell, et al.	360	77.04	
	11	6,493,177	12/2002	Ell, et al.	360	78.05	

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	Co-pending U.S. Patent Application to Dallas W. Meyer, Serial No. 10/342,920, filed January 13, 2003 (54 pages), and 17 sheets of accompanying drawings. Note: In an Office Action mailed in this case on June 14, 2004, claims 1, 4, 12, 13, 24, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by U.S. Patent No. 6,600,634 to Kim, et al., claims 1-3, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 24, 25, 29, 31-33, and 35-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by U.S. Patent No. 6,611,399 to Mei, et al., and claims 14, 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) by Mei.
	2	Co-pending U.S. Patent Application to Dallas W. Meyer, Serial No. 10/342,615, filed January 13, 2003 (43 pages), and 7 sheets of accompanying drawings. Note: In an Office Action mailed in this case on August 25, 2004, claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by U.S. Patent No. 6,768,610 to Morris, et al., and claims 35-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) by Morris, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,078,468 to Fiske.

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	12	6,501,623	12/2002	Sassolini, et al.	360	245.3	
	13	6,535,360	3/2003	Kim, et al.	360	294.3	
	14	6,542,281	4/2003	Feldman, et al.	359	280	
	15	6,545,970	4/2003	Durnin, et al.	360	112.24	
	16	6,547,975	4/2003	Kobrin	216	22	
	17	6,556,380	4/2003	Bunch, et al.	360	235.1	
	18	6,563,665	5/2003	Ell	360	78.05	
	19	6,594,119	7/2003	Koshikawa, et al.	360	294.3	
	20	6,600,619	7/2003	Morris, et al.	360	75	
	21	6,600,634	7/2003	Kim, et al.	360	294.5	
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3	Co-pending U.S. Patent Application to Dallas W. Meyer, Serial No. 10/728,561, filed December 5, 2003.
4	Co-pending U.S. Patent Application to Dallas W. Meyer, Serial No. 10/794,482, filed March 5, 2004.

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	24	6,747,836	6/2004	Stevens, et al.	360	78.05	
	25	6,768,610	7/2004	Morris, et al.	360	78.07	
	26	US2003/0093894A1	5/2003	Dugas, et al.	29	603.15	
	27	US2003/0161061A1	8/2003	Lamberts	360	31	
	28	US2003/0197969A1	10/2003	Szita, et al.	360	77.08	

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	5	Co-pending U.S. Patent Application to Dallas W. Meyer, Serial No. 10/818,641, filed April 5, 2004.
	6	Co-pending U.S. Patent Application to Dallas W. Meyer, Serial No. 10/900,713, filed July 27, 2004.

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